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MEETING OF ASTRONOMERS OF MOSCOW AND CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

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On 23 March 1953, astronomers of Moscow and of the Chinese People's Republic met jointly at a session of the Scientific Council of the State Astronomical Institute imeni Shternberg.

Professor B. V. Kukarkin, director of the institute, in his report on the institute's work, sketched the structure of the institute, discussed its position in the Moscow State University, characterized the direction of the scientific work of each chair, and enumerated the principal courses which the chairs supervise. Kukarkin showed what share of the institute's activity was devoted to the development of theoretical problems and to national economic subjects. He also pointed out the institute's connection with the other astronomical institutions of the Soviet Union. The concluding part of the report was devoted to activities of the institute which will be begun after completion of construction of the institute on Lenin Hills in Moscow.

In reply to questions of the guests, Kukarkin dwelt in detail on the work of the Scientific Council of the institute.

Dr Chang Yu-che, director of the Tzu-chin-shan Astronomical Observatory, which is located outside Nanking, spoke for the delegation of the Chinese People's Republic. He acknowledged USSR scientific aid to China and praised the work of Soviet astronomers, especially their work at Pulkovo Observatory and work on variable stars and cosmogony. He reported that the Tzu-chin-shan Observatory became part of the Academy of Sciences of the Chinese People's Republic in 1949, and has been equipped with a 100-mm cransit instrument and an equatorial installation with two telescopes, and that the observatory is anticipating the arrival of specialirts from the German Democratic Republic for the purpose of erecting a 60-cm reflector.

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